

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
UPPER DISTRICT COURT - CLE ELUM, WA.**

TUESDAY

6:00 P.M.

JULY 25, 2006

Board members present: Chairman David Bowen; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Perry Huston.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jerry Pettit, Auditor and four members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

HOSPITAL DIST.

COMMISSIONERS

At 6:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BOWEN** opened a special meeting continued from June 27, 2006, to consider a Petition filed by the Snoqualmie Pass Community within the Hyak Precinct, to withdraw from the Kittitas County Hospital District 2, located within the Snoqualmie Pass area described as all that portion of Section 4, Township 22 N Range 1 E, EXCEPT that portion located in King County. Also, all of Section 9, 11, 14, 15, 23 and 26 Township 22 N, Range 11 E. And to further consider the findings and recommendations from Public Hospital District No. 2 Board of Commissioners that the withdrawal would not be of benefit to the territory because the petitioners did not demonstrate that withdrawal would generate better services within the territory at less or no greater cost to the territory; and the proposed withdrawal would not be conducive to the general welfare of the balance of the Hospital District because the District would lose essential revenue under the M&O and EMS levies in future years.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN acknowledged there had been testimony taken at the previous hearing and asked if there was any public requesting to testify.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **MATT COWAN** said he was representing the Proponent, and that he is the Fire Chief in Snoqualmie Pass area. He addressed the current coverage in the Snoqualmie Pass area and assured the Board their area would be served by Medic One in King County if the request was granted. He said the idea was not to cut off Hospital District #2 but to relive pressure for them. He said he did not know how many people in the area actually use the hospital in Hospital District #2, because most of

the people he knows go to the west side of the mountain, so they did not see the benefit to the services.

CHAIRMAN BOWEN asked if the costs of the election and bonding to be provided by the petitioners? **MR. COWAN** said the petitioners could not pay for the costs of an election and thought the election would only be for those residents in the area, and not County wide.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON explained that technically, the decision to not take action by the Board of County Commissioners should have been taken before setting a public hearing. He asked Mr. Cowan if he was representing the petitioner, does he believe the matter should go forward and be placed on the ballot? **MR. COWEN** said he felt there was a need for it to occur, but did not want to waste money or time pursuing something that doesn't have much chance of passing in an election, because they thought it would be an election for only those residents in the area. He said they could not afford to pay for the costs of an election if the bill were to fall on them. He indicated they provided a bond for the hearing before the Hospital District Commissioners. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** said the petitioners should have done their homework, and that it wasn't an issue that would only go before those who signed the petition, but it would be county wide. **MR. COWAN** said he was not the writer of the petition because he felt it could be a conflict of interest because of his role as Fire Chief, although he is in support of the matter and is knowledgeable of the issues.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON recommended that they ensure there are Interlocal Agreements in place for services and they are codified to alleviate any future problems. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER TESTIMONY THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

RESOLUTION 2006-107 HOSPITAL DIST #2 COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-107, in the Matter of a Petition to Place on the Ballot the Withdrawal of Specific Territories from Hospital District #2, recognizing the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners take no action on the request. **COMMISSIONER HUSTON** seconded.

COMMISSIONER HUSTON moved to amend Resolution No. 2006-107, by correcting the third paragraph, changing "Fire District #1" to "Fire District #51. **COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion approving Resolution No. 2006-107, as amended, carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

David B. Bowen, Chairman